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Maienschein combats neighborhood speeding

Councilmember Brian Maienschein and the San Diego Police Department unveiled new, highly mobile neighborhood speed monitoring equipment designed to help improve public safety in school zones and on neighborhood streets by reminding motorists of posted speed limits through the use of radar and electronic speed displays mounted on Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) vehicles.

“Speeding motorists are responsible for a number of senseless injuries and accidents because of neighborhood speeding,” stated Maienschein. “But through the use of this new, mobile speed monitoring technology, we can quickly and cost effectively help to visually remind drivers of the posted speed limits and hopefully avoid any further tragedies around our homes and our schools.

“I especially wanted to place these monitors near schools at the beginning of the school year to make motorists slow down — so we can keep our kids safe,” Maienschein continued.

The new speed monitoring equipment is highly mobile and can be placed in the trunk of an RSVP vehicle, driven to a site and quickly set up by one trained RSVP member. The Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol will administer the program and equipment under the direction of San Diego Police Department.

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Maienschein named to San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's 40 under 40 list

Councilmember Brian Maienschein has been named by San Diego Metropolitan Magazine as one of the forty most influential people under the age of forty in the City of San Diego.

“I’m honored to be included in this year’s 40 under 40 list,” commented Councilmember Maienschein. “My fellow nominees have already proven themselves capable to be the leaders of tomorrow, despite their relative young age. So to be put in the same company is truly an honor.”

Maienschein was selected to be included to the annual list by a panel of eight judges from around the San Diego region. San Diego Metropolitan

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As vehicles approach the speed monitor, radar will measure the vehicle's speed and display it on an electronic screen mounted on the back of the vehicle. A speed limit sign will be placed above the electronic screen so drivers can compare their speed with the legal speed limit.

Joining Maienschein was Paul Lennon, Community Relations Officer for the San Diego Police Department's Northern Division, who was on hand to demonstrate the new equipment and to discuss the need for this type of proactive community policing tool to help keep neighborhoods and drivers safe.

"We are very excited about the implementation of the new speed monitoring signs because the number one community complaint we receive at the Northeastern Police Division is related to traffic speed in neighborhoods," stated Officer Lennon. "The program will help create community awareness about the need to slow vehicles down, making our neighborhoods and schools a safer place," Officer Lennon continued.

The mobile speed monitors are equally as effective as the larger speed monitoring trailers currently being used. Large speed monitoring trailers use similar technology, but because the trailers are bulky, difficult to transport and cost over \$18,000, residents must wait forty-five days before speed monitoring requests can be met.

Comparatively, the three new speed monitors being used along the I-15 corridor only cost \$2,500 each and can usually be set up three to five days after a request for speed monitoring is made.

"My constituents have time and time again asked that the City of San Diego take proactive steps to improve safety in our neighborhoods – and I've responded," said Maienschein.

"Because of the dedication of our RSVP members, we can monitor neighborhood streets and improve public safety -- all without taking precious resources away from the police department."

Residents along the I-15 corridor who want to request a speed monitor for their neighborhood can call their local police storefront office:

Mira Mesa	858-538-8120
Diamond Gateway	858-538-8091
Rancho Bernardo	858-538-8146

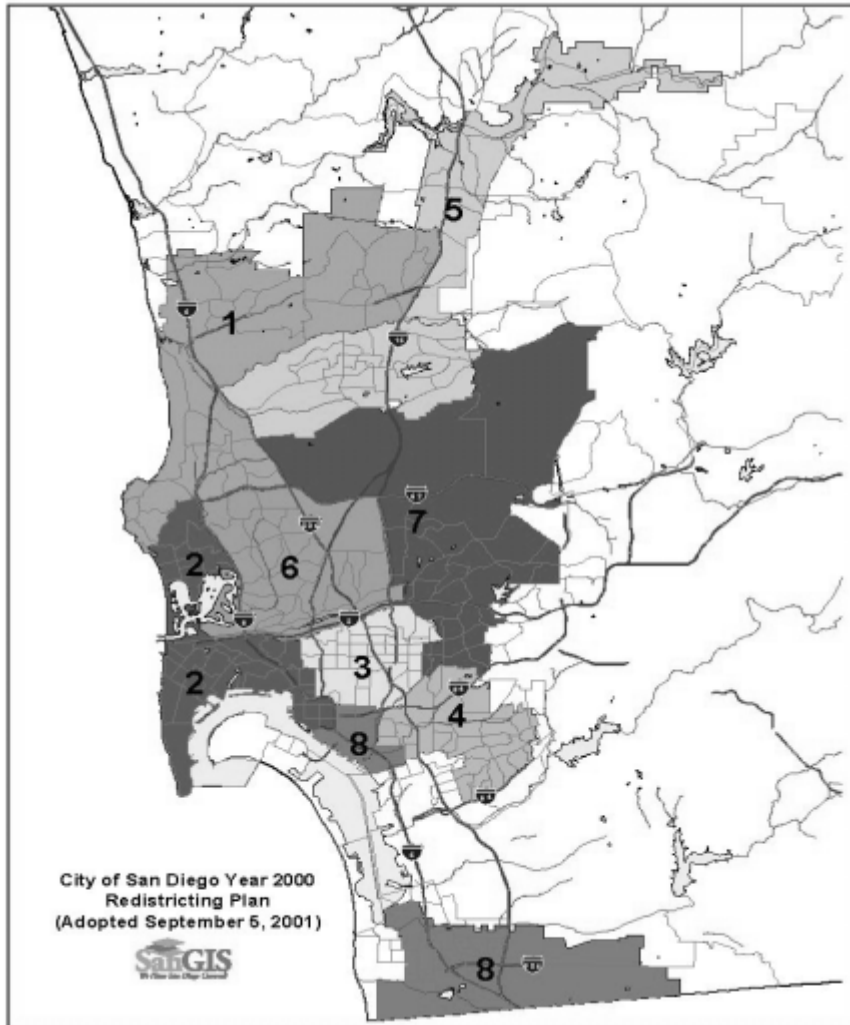
"The program will help create community awareness about the need to slow vehicles down, making our neighborhoods and schools a safer place to learn, work and live."

*—Councilmember
Brian Maienschein*



Councilmember Brian Maienschein and members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Senior Patrol demonstrate the new, mobile speed monitoring equipment that will be deployed around the Fifth District.

Redistricting Commission adopts final map



The citizen-based Redistricting Commission voted on September 5 to adopt the final Council District map boundaries.

All political boundaries, by law, must be redrawn every ten years to equalize populations in each district.

This is the first time a citizen-based commission has drawn the lines for the San Diego City Council.

Unfortunately, because of its enormous size due in part to the exponential growth along the I-15 corridor, District Five was forced to shed almost fifteen percent of its residents, including the entire communities of Linda Vista, MCAS Miramar and Kearny Mesa.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to represent those communities and I'm disappointed to see them drawn out of District Five. However, I will continue working with the new Councilmembers representing those areas to ensure the work and improvements to neighborhoods we've begun is completed.

— Councilmember
Brian Maienschein

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received over 350 entries this year.

"It is not surprising to me that there are so many success stories about young people in San Diego. This city has become a breeding ground for innovative thinking and an incubator for young entrepreneurs and leaders who can make their mark on this region using their energy and enthusiasm for success," Maienschein continued. "I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues in helping to make San Diego the best city in the country."



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